## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 657**

## By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Reverend John R. Parrott, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the Holston Valley Baptist Association.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to ministry and performed God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Reverend John R. Parrott, Jr., is one such faithful servant of the Lord, who has served as the associational missionary for the Holston Valley Baptist Association since April of 1995; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Parrott served the Baptist churches of Holston Valley faithfully for eighteen years and took a much deserved retirement on December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, before he became the associational missionary, Reverend Parrott devoted twenty-six years to congregational ministry as a staff member and pastor; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Parrott continues to hear the call of God and anticipates continuing his dedication to others in future ministry opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Parrott's partner in life, his beloved wife, Kathie, is an indispensable part of his exceptional ministry; and

WHEREAS, a humble servant of God, Reverend John Parrott has demonstrated the utmost compassion, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect of all whose lives he has touched; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we extend to Reverend John R. Parrott, Jr., our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.